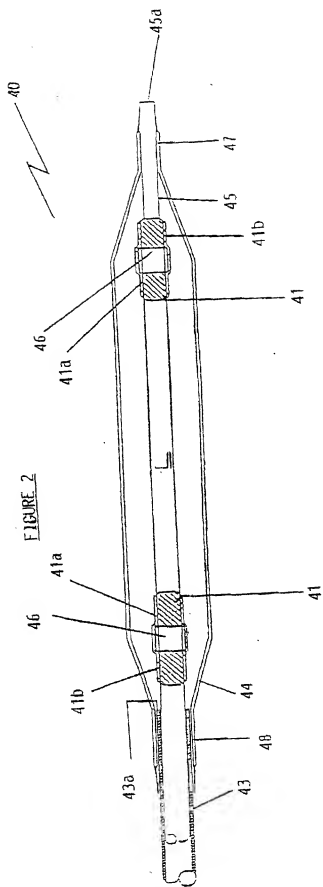


FIGURE 1



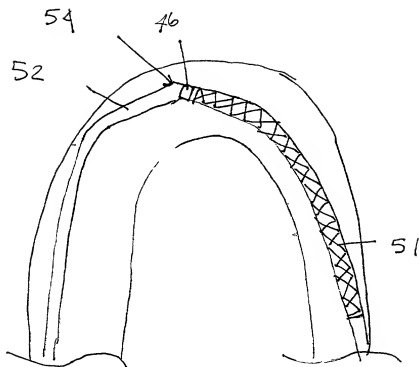


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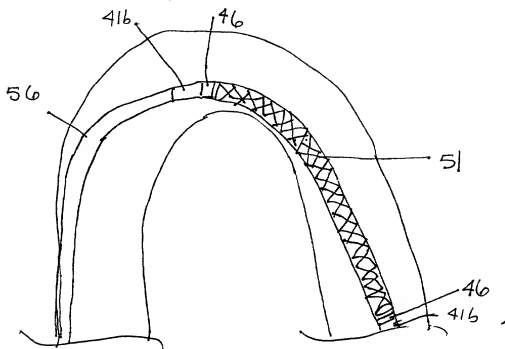
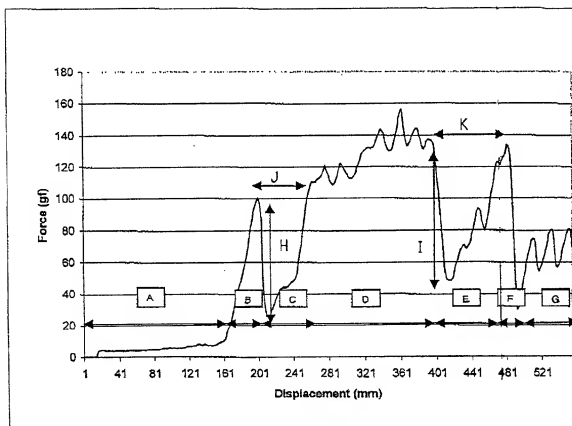


Fig. 3b

Figure 4 90° Fixed Wire Track Profile for a stent delivery system without areas of increased stiffness proximal and distal to the stent with respect to the flexible catheter.



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Figure 5 Track profile of stent delivery system with and without areas of increased stiffness
Proximal and distal to the stent with respect to the flexible catheter

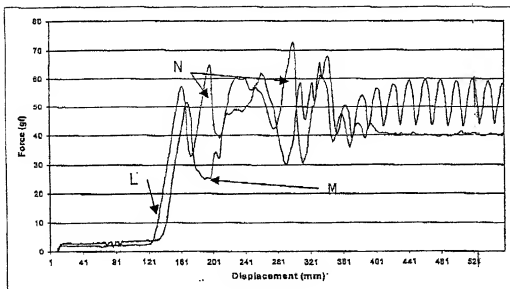


Figure 6 Track profile of 4.0x18 stent delivery system with and without areas of increased stiffness proximal and distal to the stent with respect to the flexible catheter

